



Memorandum

TO: COYOTE VALLEY SPECIFIC
PLAN TASK FORCE

FROM: Sal Yakubu

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING #4 HELD ON 10/15/03

DATE: October 28, 2003

Approved

Date

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members Present:

Dennis Martin (NAIOP), Jessica Fitchen (Greenbelt Alliance), Ann Draper (County Planning), Shonnan Werner (Greenbelt Alliance), Bill Smith (Santa Clara Valley Water District), Rebecca Tolentirio (City of Morgan Hill), Bobbie Fischler (League of Women Voters) and Gail Price (VTA).

City Staff Present:

Sal Yakubu (PBCE), and Perihan Ozdemir (PBCE).

1) Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting started at 3:00 p.m. and everybody introduced themselves.

2) Purpose and Role of the TAC:

Through a PowerPoint presentation, Sal Yakubu explained that the purpose of the TAC is to provide technical expertise and review information being developed throughout the specific plan process. He said the TAC was composed of representatives of agencies and groups outside the City organization that by virtue of their experience or interest can bring value to the development of the specific plan. TAC members are expected to fulfil the following roles:

- a) Meet once a month or so, typically to review materials at critical points of the process.
- b) Review and comment on consultant work products.

- c) Share information on programs that will benefit the specific plan.
- d) Obtain feedback on programs that may relate to or impact the specific plan.
- e) Identify potential issues and/or solutions based on their knowledge of the specific plan area.
- f) Share ideas with other groups on desired approaches to the development of the specific plan.
- g) Staff will provide a written summary (not minutes) of TAC discussions to the Task Force.
- h) TAC members may provide direct comments to the Task Force under the Public Comments section of the agenda.

3) Coyote Valley Greenbelt:

Ann Draper, Director of Planning of the Santa Clara County Planning Office, presented two reports on the Coyote Valley Greenbelt – Coyote Valley Greenbelt: Implementation Challenges and Coyote Valley Greenbelt Report Appendices. Ann explained that there is unanimous agreement between the County of Santa Clara, and the Cities of San Jose and Morgan Hill that the Greenbelt should be a permanent, non-urban buffer between San Jose and Morgan Hill, as evidenced in the General Plans of all three agencies. She observed that since its original designation by the City of San Jose in 1985, there has been relatively little development pressure within the Greenbelt. Ann explained that the planning directors of San Jose, Morgan Hill, and the County recommended that the three jurisdictions reaffirm their support for the creation of a Greenbelt. To date, Morgan Hill and the County have adopted resolutions of support. Sal stated that San Jose (PBCE) staff is working on a similar resolution for City Council consideration in the next few months. Ann then gave an overview of the Implementation Challenges and the Appendices. She explained the major sections of the Interim Planning Principles, which was one of the reports included in the appendices and their relevance to planning and development in central and north Coyote. The sections she discussed included sensitive areas, interfaces between areas, vehicular mobility, and barriers and pathways.

Mr. Bill Smith of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) observed that the greenbelt could have boutique agriculture for part of the year and serve as flood attenuation for other parts of the year. This is only one example of how smart growth concepts and multi-objective uses could be incorporated in the project.

4) League of Women Voters:

Bobbie Fischler, of the League of Women Voter (LWV), presented a letter from her organization to the TAC. The letter, dated October 6, 2003 and signed by the Virginia Holtz (president of LWV), was previously presented to the Coyote Valley Specific Plan Task Force on October 6, 2003.

Sal Yakubu explained that the issues raised in the letter would be addressed during the land planning process next year.

5) Other Issues

Bobbie Fischler (LWV) asked for Citizen Participation to be agendaized for the next TAC meeting on November 18, 2003.

6) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at about 4:30 p.m.

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